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Biography

House Speaker David Ralston was born in Ellijay, Georgia where he graduated from Gilmer County High School. He went on to attend Young Harris College and North Georgia College and State University earning his bachelor's degree. He later received a law degree from the University Of Georgia School Of Law.

In 1992, Ralston was elected to the Georgia State Senate and served until 1998 when he won the Republican nomination for Attorney General of Georgia. In 2002, Ralston was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives. Today, he represents the 7th District which includes Fannin and Gilmer counties and a portion of Dawson County.

As a member of the House of Representatives, he chaired the House Judiciary Non-Civil committee and was Vice-Chair of the Judiciary committee.

In 2010, Ralston was elected the 73rd Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives.

He is a member of the executive committee of both the National Speakers Conference, and is vice-chair of the Southern Legislative Conference.

Ralston was named the 2010 Georgian of the Year by Georgia Trend magazine. In 2011, Governing magazine named him as one of the 16 Republican legislators in the nation to watch.

Aside from his legislative duties, he is an attorney in Blue Ridge. His civic duties include active participation with the Fannin County Chamber of Commerce, Blue Ridge Mountains Arts Association, and the Blue Ridge Lions Club.

He and his wife Jane have two children, Elizabeth and Matt.

- Sworn in on: January 13, 2003
- Elected Speaker: January 11, 2010
- 73rd Speaker of Georgia House of Representatives
- Represents: Fannin, Gilmer, and part of Dawson County